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## SPAWAR Welcomes New Commander

*Former NAVAIR Vice Commander Assumes Role as FORCEnet Chief Engineer*

**SAN DIEGO** – Navy Rear Adm. Michael C. Bachmann assumed command of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) today during a ceremony at SPAWAR Headquarters.

As SPAWAR Commander, Bachmann serves as the FORCEnet chief engineer and is responsible for developing the architecture and standards for the Navy's vision of network centric warfare for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition to developing the FORCEnet architecture, he is the chief engineer for the Navy's command, control, communications, computer and intelligence systems.

Bachmann assumed command from Rear Adm. William Rodriguez, SPAWAR's chief engineer, who had served as acting SPAWAR Commander since November 2005.



Navy Rear Adm. Michael C. Bachmann addresses SPAWAR personnel during an assumption ceremony Feb. 23 at SPAWAR Headquarters. Bachmann relieved Rear Adm. Will Rodriguez, left, who served as acting commander since November 2005.

"It's no surprise that networks are now considered an indispensable necessity for daily fleet operations," Bachmann said during the ceremony. "And today, our program executive offices and labs are delivering FORCEnet capabilities that allow our warfighters, joint and coalition partners the ability to rapidly respond to virtually any threat around the globe."

Bachmann has extensive acquisition experience through a wide variety of afloat, shore-based and joint duty assignments, including a previous assignment at SPAWAR. He assumed command of the Naval Tactical Command Support System (NTCSS) in November 1995. NTCSS, a Department of Defense ACAT I program, was selected into the Secretary of the Navy Acquisition Hall of Fame in April 1998, nominated for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Packard Award, and awarded the OSD Certificate for Acquisition Excellence. Prior to his current assignment, Bachmann was the vice commander at the Naval Air Systems Command.

"The CNO (Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen) has clearly delineated his objectives for 2006 and it is apparent that the Naval Netwar FORCEnet Enterprise is contributing to the attainment of these objectives," Bachmann explained, "and we are committed to bring the CNO's objectives to fruition."

**Team SPAWAR (<http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil>)**

Headquartered in San Diego, SPAWAR's Office of the Chief Engineer designs the architecture and standards for FORCEnet, the Navy's vision for network centric warfare and an essential element of the Sea Power 21 philosophy. SPAWAR's organizational partners - the Program Executive Office (PEO) C4I and Space, PEO Space Systems, PEO Information Technology and Direct Reporting Program Manager NMCI - acquire, align and field more than 100 C4I programs and projects to help make FORCEnet a reality. Together, the commands lay the foundation for dramatic increases in current and future readiness while simultaneously implementing FORCEnet and a new era in warfighting capabilities.